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For : SYSTEM FOR EXCHANGING MAIL AMONG MEMBERS  
BELONGING TO GROUP

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of November 5, 2008, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on February 5, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the Final Official Action, in view of the herein-contained remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 32 of this paper.